



Appl. No. 09/960,148  
Amdt. dated September 15, 2003  
Reply to Office action of April 1, 2003

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#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant submits herewith a timely Petition for Extension of Time.

In response to the Examiner's action mailed 04/01/03, the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups of Claims:

- I. Claims 1 – 41 drawn to a book trimmer.
- II. Claim 42, drawn to a book trimming apparatus.
- III. Claim 43, drawn to an apparatus for trimming a bound book.
- IV. Claims 44 – 48 and 50 – 53, drawn to a method of trimming a perfect bound book.
- V. Claims 49 and 54, drawn to a method of trimming three edges of a perfect bound book.

Applicant provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1 – 41.

In the event that claims 1-41 are found to be allowable, applicant requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement, particularly with regard to the method claims of Group IV. However, if the Examiner affirms the restriction requirement, application herewith withdraws Groups II-V without prejudice, as there may be the subject of one or more divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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